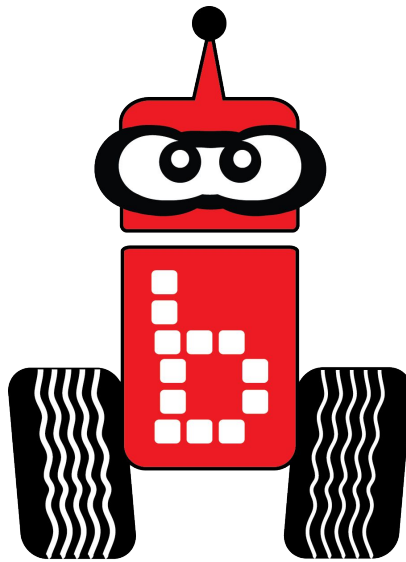




Creating Functions Using Void

- **Key Concepts:**
 - **Students will familiarize themselves with the concept of functions and learn to write their own.**
- **Pacing:**
 - **Over several class periods**

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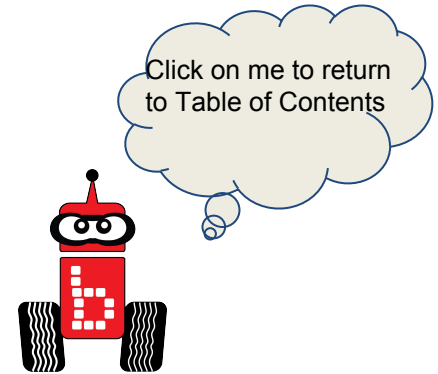
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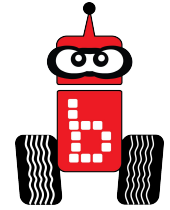
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Introduction to Creating Your Own Function



Goals

- Students will create their own functions

Preparation

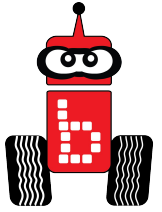
- Students must have a good understanding of functions and how to move the robot.

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Functions

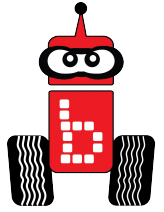
Activity 1



1. Write down as many functions as you know so far. Find the commonalities.
2. Use the strategy [Fold the Line](#) to discuss what you discovered.
3. Proceed to the next slide to find answer.

Functions

Activity 1 continued



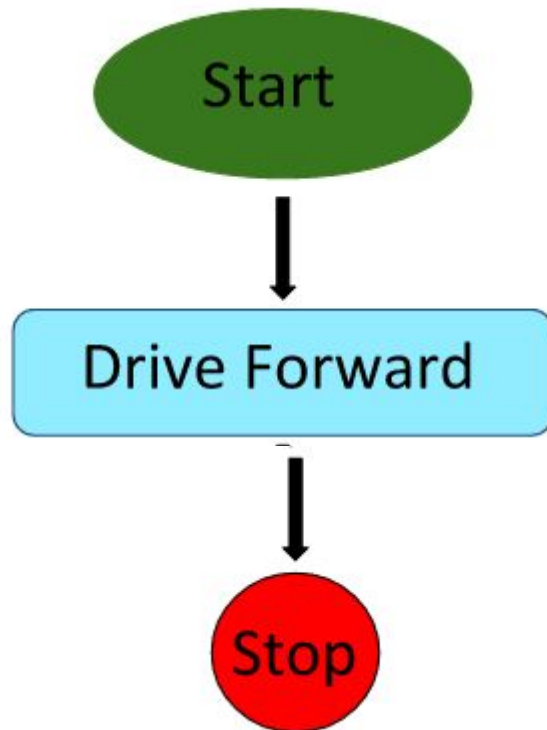
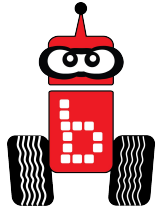
```
motor (0,100) ←  
msleep (3000) ←  
ao() ←  
set_servo_position(3,1245) ←  
enable_servos() ←  
digital(8) ←
```

Did you discover these commonalities?

1. All functions have **names**
2. All functions have a set of parentheses (the “**argument list**”)
 - Some functions need more information (“**arguments**”), such as **motor(0,100)** and **msleep(3000)**
 - Some do not need more information, such as **ao()** and **enable_servos()**

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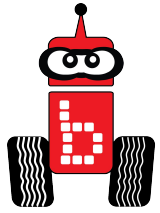
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1. Write down the code that will drive the robot forward.
2. Proceed to the next slide.

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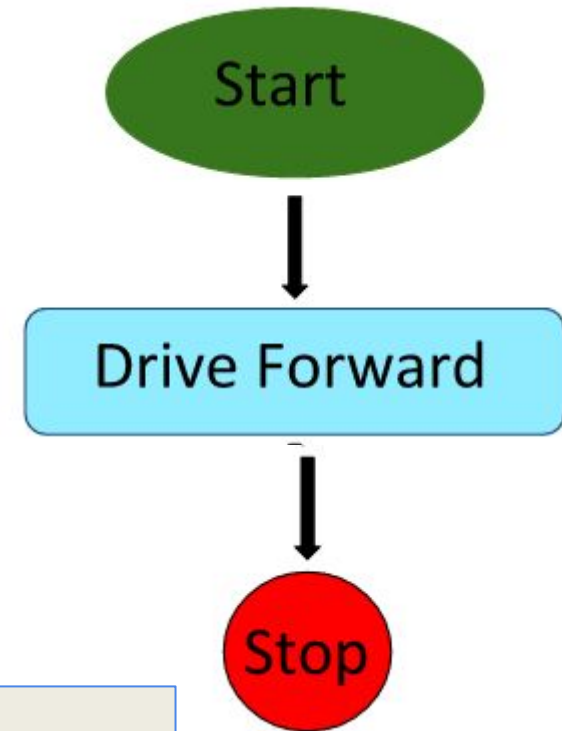
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```
int main ()
{
    printf("Hello, World!\n");

    motor (0,100); // move forward
    motor (3,100);
    msleep (1000);

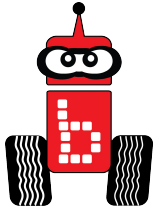
    ao():
    return 0;
}
```



Wouldn't it be great to be able to make our code look like our flow chart!
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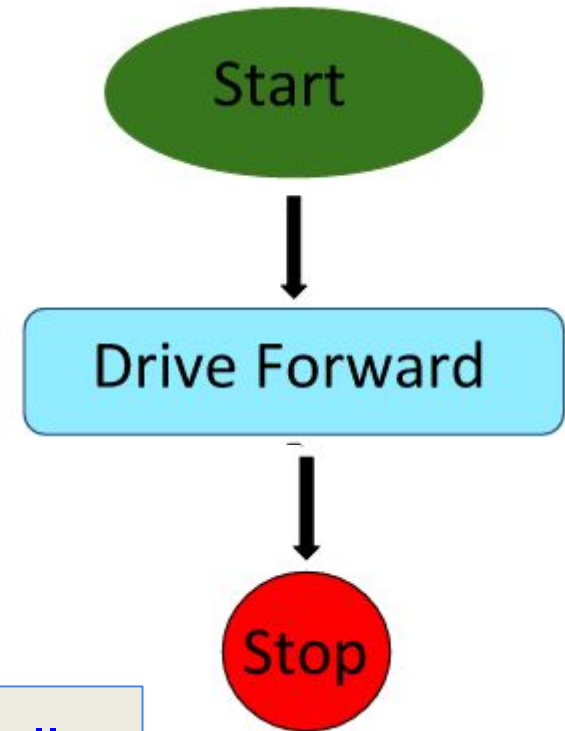
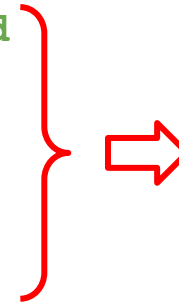
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int main ()
{
    printf("Hello, World!\n");

    motor (0,100); // move forward
    motor (3,100);
    msleep (1000);

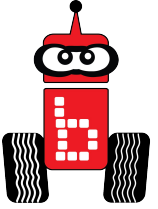
    ao() :
    return 0;
}
```



This section of code is what we would call
“Drive Forward”
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Naming Your New Function

Activity 3



1. Have the students read and discuss the following slides:

[Looking at Functions](#)

[How Do You Create a Function?](#)

Step 1: Function Prototype

Step 2: Function Definition

Step 3: Function Call

[Example of a Function](#)

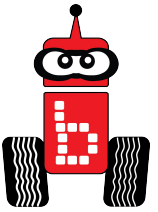
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2. Use the strategy [chant it, sing it, rap it](#) to share out the information.



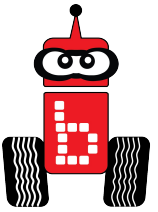
Looking at Functions

Computer scientist use conventions when naming/creating a function that they will use all the time:

- Make the name of your new function intuitive. Example: Drive forward means you want to drive forward for one second.
 - You must put an underscore for any blank space.

drive forward = `drive_forward()`

- It can not start with a number.
- It can not have the same name as another function in the library.



Looking at Functions

Functions are helpful if you repeat actions multiple times:

- driving straight forward → `drive_forward()` ;
- making a 90° left turn → `turn_left_90()` ;
- making a 180° turn → `turn_around()` ;
- lifting an arm up → `lift_arm()` ;
- closing a claw → `close_claw()` ;
- doing a barrel roll → `barrel_roll()` ;
- driving straight forward → `straight()` ;

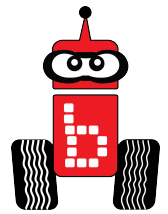
We made these up...
and that's the point!

You can write your
own functions to do
whatever you want!

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How Do You Create a Function?

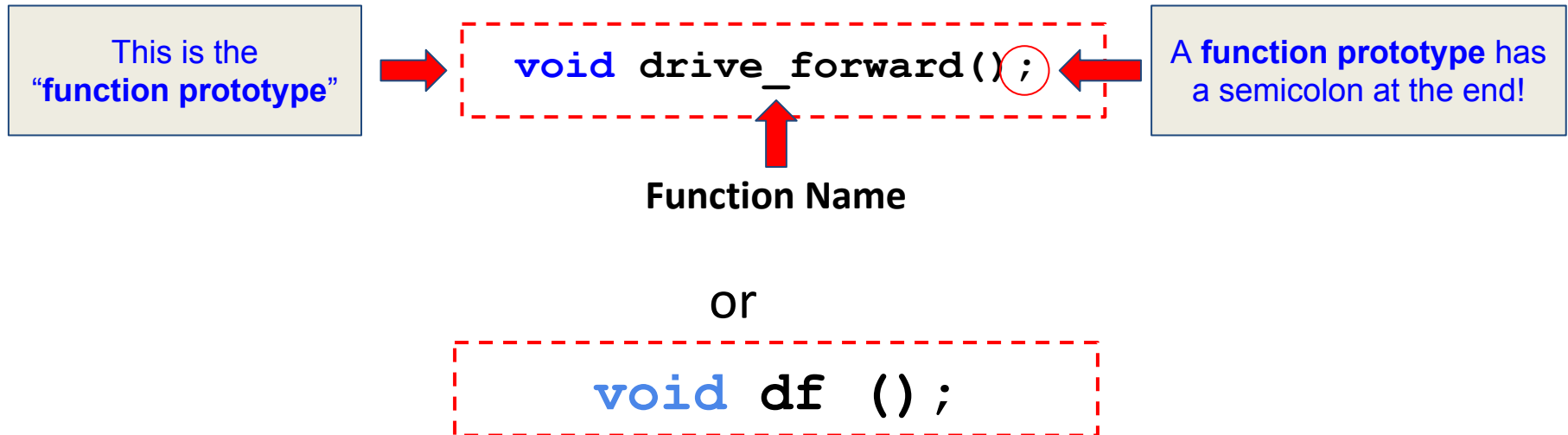
Step 1: Function Prototype



1. Decide what you are going to name your function (**function name**) that will move your robot forward (it should be intuitive); for example:

`drive_forward` or `df`

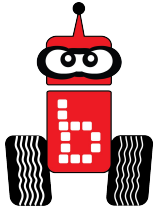
2. You will use the **function name** to create a **function prototype**
 - The list of function prototypes is similar to a list of vocabulary words



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How Do You Create a Function?

Step 1: Function Prototype



3. You type your **function prototypes** on the line *after* `#include <kipr/botball.h>` and *before* `int main()`
- The list of function prototypes is similar to a list of vocabulary words

```
#include <kipr/botball.h>
```

This is the
“function prototype”



```
void drive_forward();
```



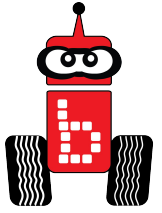
A function prototype has
a semicolon at the end!

```
int main()  
{  
    printf("Hello, World\n");  
    return 0;  
}
```

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How Do You Create a Function?

Step 1: Function Prototype



4. You type your **function prototypes** on the line *after* `#include <kipr/botball.h>` and *before* `int main()`
 - The list of function prototypes is similar to a list of vocabulary words

```
#include <kipr/botball.h>
```

What is `void`?

Use `void` in your function prototype if you are **commanding** the robot to do something.

Example:

```
void turn_right();
```

```
void drive_forward();
```

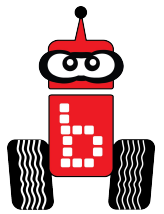
```
int main()
{
    printf("Hello, World\n");
    return 0;
}
```

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How Do You Create a Function?

Step 2: Function Definition



5. The **function definition** (i.e., what the robot will actually do) of the new function goes after the last “}”
- The function definition is similar to the definition of a vocabulary word

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Example:

```
#include <kipr/botball.h>

void drive_forward();

int main()
{
    printf("Hello, World\n");
    return 0;
}

void drive_forward()
{
    motor(0,100); // forward
    motor(3,100);
    msleep(1000);

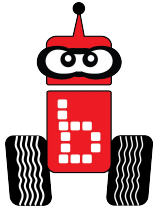
    ao();
}
```

This is the
function definition.

A function definition does not
have a semicolon at the end.

How Do You Create a Function?

Step 3: Function Call



6. You *use* the new function name (function call) you created in your block of code between the two curly braces; in place of the several line of code that you would have written before you created your new function.

Example:

```
#include <kipr/botball.h>
```

```
void drive_forward();
```

```
int main()
{
    printf("Hello, World\n");
    drive_forward();
    return 0;
}
```

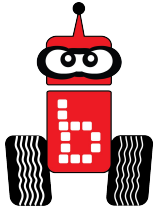
This is the "function call".

```
void drive_forward()
{
    motor(0,100); // forward
    motor(3,100);
    msleep(1000);

    ao();
}
```

How Do You Create a Function?

3 Components of a Function

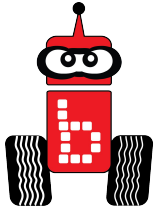


These are 3 components of a function and should be created in this order:

1. Function prototype
 - a. Create a **function prototype** on the line *after* `#include <kipr/botball.h>` and *before* `int main()`.
2. *Function definition*
 - a. *Define* the new function (i.e., specify what the robot will actually do). The **function definition** goes after the last “}” in your program.
3. *Function Call*
 - a. *Call* (use) the new function by typing the **function name** within a block of code.

My First Function

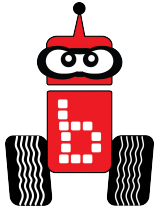
Activity 4



1. Write a new function for driving your robot.
2. Remember to include the [3 components](#).
 - a. Make sure the name is intuitive
3. Run your program.
4. Discuss with your partner's how this can be helpful.

Turn Right Function

Activity 5

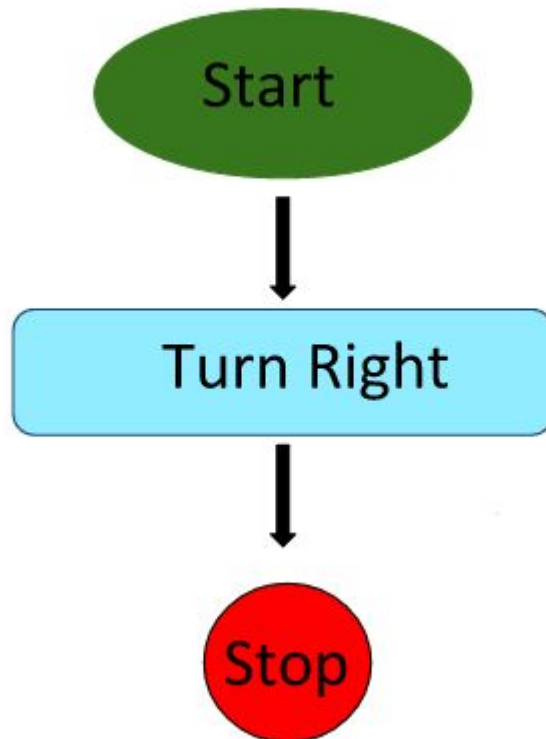
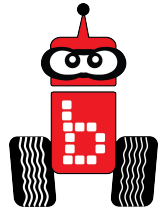


Goal: To create and write a function for your robot to make a right turn

1. Create a flowchart to make the robot turn right.
2. Share your flowchart with your partner.
 - Do they look the same?

Proceed to the next slide.

Turn Right: Activity 5 Continued

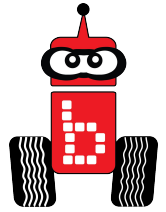


What would the code for this flowchart look like?

3. Write the code for a right turn.

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Turn Right: Activity 5 Continued

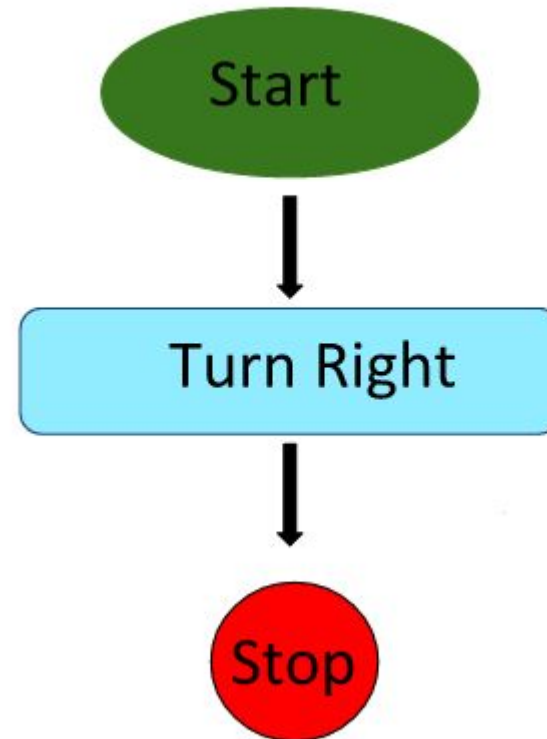


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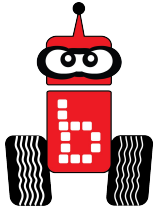
```
int main()
{
    printf("Hello, World!\n");

    motor(0,100); // turn right
    motor(3,-100);
    msleep(1000);

    ao();
    return 0;
}
```



Turn Right: Activity 5 Continued



```
int main()
{
    printf("Hello, World!\n");

    motor(0,100);
    motor(3,-100);
    msleep(1000);

    ao();
    return 0;
}
```

Turn Right

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```
void turn_right(); // turn right for 1 sec

int main()
{
    printf("Hello, World!\n");

    turn_right();

    return 0;
}

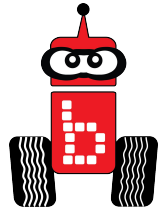
void turn_right()
{
    motor(0,100); // right
    motor(3,-100);
    msleep(1000);

    ao();
}
```

4. Now write a function for that to turn right! This will let us have a right turn function in our library. Use a different name than the example.

Make a Square

Activity 6

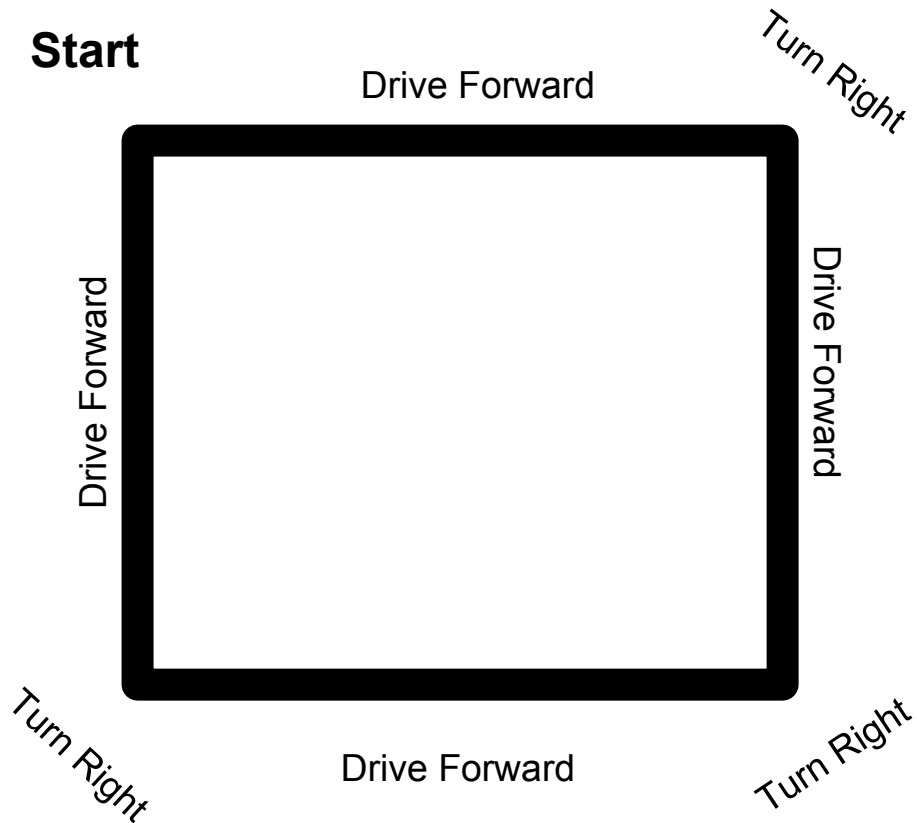


Goal: To create a flowchart and write functions to drive along the path of the perimeter of a square

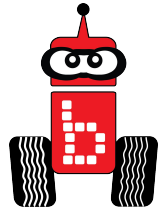
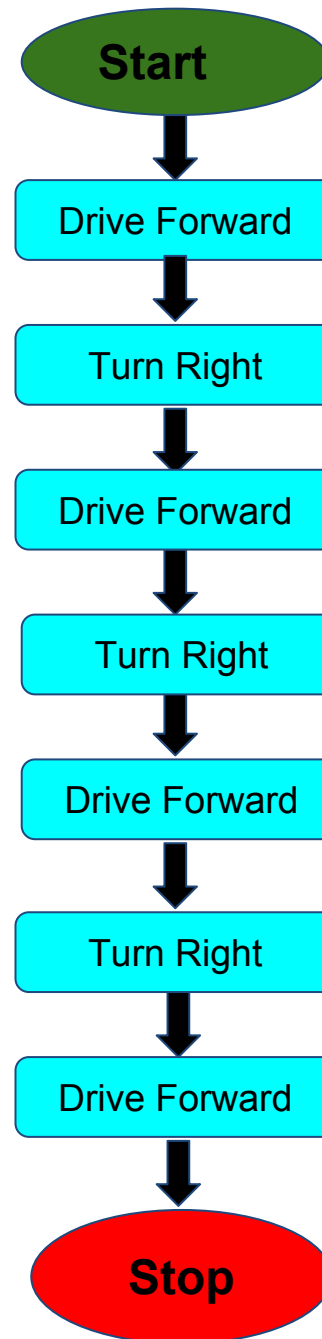
- Create a flowchart for this function
- Share your flowchart with your partner.
 - Do they look the same?

Proceed to the next slide to see if your flowchart looks similar.

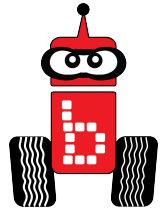
Make a Square: Activity 6



Notice “Drive Forward” and “Turn Right” are repeated. Proceed to the next slide.



Make a Square: Activity 6 Continued

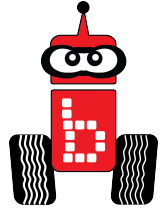


- Write the code to drive along the path of the perimeter of a square using the functions you have created.
 - How many functions do you need to create?
- Compile and run your code before proceeding onto the next slide.



Make a Square: Activity 6

Answer Key



Remember

Semicolons *do* go at the end of function prototypes

```
void drive_forward(); // drive forward for 1 sec
void turn_right(); // turn right for 1 sec
```

```
int main()
{
    printf("Hello, World!\n");

    drive_forward(); // drive in a square
    turn_right();
    drive_forward();
    turn_right();
    drive_forward();
    turn_right();
    drive_forward();
    turn_right();

    return 0;
}
```

```
void drive_forward()
{
    motor(0,100); // drive forward
    motor(3,100);
    msleep(1000);

    ao();
}
```

Remember

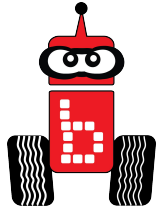
Semicolons *do not* go at the end of function definitions

```
void turn_right()
{
    motor(0,100); // turn right
    motor(3,-100);
    msleep(1000);

    ao();
}
```

Make a Rectangle

Activity 7



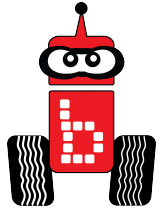
Goal: Student will write their own functions that will drive the robot in a rectangle.

1. Students should use [code planning paper](#) to write out their psuedocode or create flowchart.



Make a Curvy Line

Activity 8

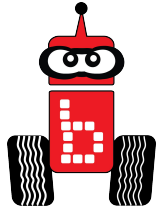


Goal: Student will write their own functions that will drive the robot in the path of a Curvy line.

1. Students should use [code planning paper](#) to write out their psuedocode or create flowchart.



Servo Activity 9



Goal: Student will write their own functions that will drive the robot in the path of a Curvy line.

1. Use the [“Go Fetch” activity 9](#) from unit 9, except you must create your own functions.
2. Students should use [code planning paper](#) to write out their psuedocode or create flowchart.

Assessments and Rubrics



Suggestions: *Understanding* or *Group Collaboration* rubrics